

Review of: "Collective Guilt and the Search for Meaning in Post-Communist Albania: An Existential Perspective"

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The research problem has been stated is clearly and relevant sources have been used. The motivation for methodological choices both with regard to the theoretical framework and the empirical part of the study is sound. The key terms of collective guilt and meaning-making were unpacked thoroughly and the connections that were made, are convincing. The article makes the case that the seemingly negative situation has both negative and positive consequences. It can serve as the motivation for constructive action, for example. Theoretically all is in order. I do, however, miss some content and substance with regard to the context and the empirical results. The three questions "how do *Albanians* experience", "how did *Albanians* search for meaning" and "what are today's implications ... in *Albania*" should provide insight as to the specific responses of real persons in a unique and concrete situation. The presentation and interpretation of the results remain on a theoretical level rather than it being an engagement of theory with the responses of the people. From my particular context I can say that if "Albania" were replaced with "South Africa" and "post-communist regime" with "apartheid" the article could have been articulated very similarly and could have been perfectly applicable to a completely different context. This article could therefore be enriched with more specific reference to the concrete dynamics of the context and the particular struggles of the respondents.